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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 172
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Dale Ray and the 1996-1997 Sharon High School boys' basketball team on reaching the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament.

WHEREAS, with sheer athleticism and extraordinary determination, the 1996-1997 Sharon High School boys' basketball team, amazed the "experts" and reached the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament, in the team's final season of play; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, Sharon overcame every obstacle in their way and won a coveted spot in the Region 7-A Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the first game of the Regional Tournament, this "never give up" squad faced number one seed, West Carroll, and stopped the War Eagles, with an impressive 41-28 upset victory; and

WHEREAS, in semifinal action, Sharon beguiled the South Fulton Red Devils 53-43; and

WHEREAS, playing inspired ball, this talented team won the Region 7-A title game with a resounding 60-52 victory, stinging the Greenfield Yellow Jackets; and

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WHEREAS, in the crucial substate match, the Eagles soared to the lofty State
Tournament perch with a hard-fought victory against highly regarded Middleton 44-43, before an
enthusiastic home crowd; and

WHEREAS, this was the first time Sharon had reached the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dale Ray has carefully molded the natural talent of the team into a winning combination. His outstanding Assistant Coaches were Larry Ingle and Stephanie Black; and

WHEREAS, the members of this memorable team were: seniors, guard Cedric Jones, forward Josh Jones, guard Justin Freeman, forward Colby Jones, forward Sharkei Cavitt and center Lagantrie Hickman; juniors, forward Kevin Jones, forward Damon McDonald, forward Jeremy Hickman and forward Joseph Clark; and sophomores, guard Nathan Tidwell, guard Jeremy Wilson, guard Josh Damon and center Corey Ramsey, each of whom made a significant contribution to the success of the squad; and

WHEREAS, the loyal managers were Adam McCollum and Jerome Allen and the expert statisticians were Crystal Capps and Marla Dunlap; and

WHEREAS, Principal Don Capps has strongly encouraged the squad; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize a team which made its final season their best ever; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Dale Ray and the 1996-1997 Sharon High School Boys' Basketball Team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.